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## The scope and application of the principle of universal jurisdiction

*The General Assembly*,

*Reaffirming* its commitment to the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations, to international law and to an international order based on the rule of law, which is essential for peaceful coexistence and cooperation among States,

*Recalling* its resolution 64/117 of 16 December 2009,

*Recognizing* the diversity of views expressed by States and the need for further consideration towards a better understanding of the scope and application of universal jurisdiction,

*Reiterating* its commitment to fighting impunity, and noting the views expressed by States that the legitimacy and credibility of the use of universal jurisdiction are best ensured by its responsible and judicious application consistent with international law,

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the report of the Secretary-General prepared on the basis of the comments and observations of Governments;[1]

2. *Decides* that the Sixth Committee shall continue its consideration of the scope and application of universal jurisdiction, without prejudice to the consideration of this topic and related issues in other forums of the United Nations, and for this purpose decides to establish at its sixty-sixth session a working group of the Sixth Committee to undertake a thorough discussion of the scope and application of universal jurisdiction;

3. *Invites* Member States and relevant observers, as appropriate, to submit before 30 April 2011 information and observations on the scope and application of universal jurisdiction, including, where appropriate, information on the relevant applicable international treaties, their domestic legal rules and judicial practice, and

[1] A/65/181.



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requests the Secretary-General to prepare and submit to the General Assembly, at its sixty-sixth session, a report based on such information and observations;

4. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its sixty-sixth session the item entitled "The scope and application of the principle of universal jurisdiction".